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1. During the first three weeks of May 1948, there was little activity but a great deal of tension within the Tsingtao Soviet community. As a result of dissatisfaction regarding the relationship of the Soviet Union with other nations, the Soviet community in Tsingtao has divided into two camps. One group is led by Lechitsky and the other is headed by Kriajensky (Kriazhensky) and persons who are urging the recall of Lechitsky. However, Lechitsky continues to act as the local Soviet head, and is apparently still in the good graces of Soviet consular authorities in Shanghai,ientsin and Nanking.
2. Regular meetings continue in the Soviet Club. Lectures entitled "Know Your Nation," which discuss the attributes of the republics within the USSR, are given at each meeting. In addition, letters written by repatriates from Tsingtao are constantly being read at the club meetings. These letters praise living conditions in the USSR, but many Soviet citizens in Tsingtao believe that they are propaganda and that the persons writing them have in some way been coerced into making optimistic statements which are not true. The chief difficulty with club meetings is that few people attend.
3. The May Day celebration held in the Soviet Club was a dismal failure. Only 80 persons of the entire Soviet community in Tsingtao attended. Lechitsky read a prepared report on the state of the Soviet Union, praising Stalin and his assistants. V. F. Kriajensky then discussed Soviet literature and was followed by his wife who read excerpts from Soviet newspapers praising the USSR and Stalin in almost the same words as those used by Lechitsky. The celebration ended with the showing of a movie, "The Two Warriors."
4. On a recent trip to Shanghai, Lechitsky made two visits to the Soviet Consulate. During these meetings he discussed with the authorities the subject of the next repatriation of Soviet citizens. He was advised that the next repatriation would come in June and that approximately 2,000 people throughout China would be repatriated.

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